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SUBJECT: PROPOSED MINISTERIAL MEETING OF COMMITTEE  
FOR AGRICULTURE

REFS: A. OECD PARIS 08647. B. STATE 071126.  
C. OECD PARIS 07638.

1. SUMMARY. EXECUTIVE COMM ON APR 4 TOOK NO ACTION  
ON C(77)48 AND ITALIAN AMENDMENT CES/77.22, THUS  
ADOPTING U.S. POSITION AS FORMULATED IN PARA. 2 REFTEL  
B WITH THE UNDERSTANDING (1) THAT COUNCIL'S ADOPTION  
OF ENTRY IN ITS MINUTES OF PARA. 8 OF C(77)12 STANDS  
(AS REPORTED IN REFTEL C) AND (2) THAT SECRETARIAT  
WOULD PREPARE A FIRST DRAFT OF MINISTERIAL MEETING  
DOCUMENTS FOR CIRCULATION BEFORE AND DISCUSSION AT,  
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COMM FOR AGR MEETING END OF JUNE, AS AGREED IN COMM  
FOR AGR (PARA. 6 REFTEL A). END OF SUMMARY.

2. SECRETARIAT (SIMANTOV) INTRODUCED C(77)48 WITH A  
VERBAL MODIFICATION THAT IN LIGHT OF (1) LACK OF  
UNANIMITY IN FAVOR OF OCT. 6-7 AS MEETING DATE, (2)  
OTHER PROPOSALS ON DATES RANGING UP TO MID-JANUARY

1978 AND (3) PROPOSED ITALIAN AMENDMENT, DATE SHOULD BE FIXED AFTER NEXT MEETING OF COMM FOR AGR IN JUNE.

3. ITALY LED DISCUSSION AGAINST SETTING A SPECIFIC DATE AND, IN PROPOSING AGREEMENT ON A MEETING IN 1978, SOUGHT TO PRECLUDE A MEETING THIS FALL. FRANCE, BELGIUM, NETHERLANDS AND EC FAVORED POSTPONING THE FIXING OF DATE. EC COMMISSION REP SPECIFICALLY MENTIONED UNCERTAINTIES WITH RESPECT TO OTHER SCENARIOS INCLUDING TRADE NEGOTIATIONS. NEW ZEALAND AND ALSO AUSTRALIA REPEATED PREFERENCE FOR ONE TRIP TO EUROPE FOR THEIR MINISTERS TO OECD AND FAO MEETINGS; IF THIS IMPOSSIBLE, EARLY 1978 WOULD BE SECOND PREFERENCE. GERMANY FAVORED OCT. MEETING BUT AGREED TO POSTPONE DECISION UNTIL JUNE. U.S. REP AGREEING WITH MOST PREVIOUS SPEAKERS ON REASONS FOR POSTPONEMENT ALSO POINTED OUT UNCERTAINTY WHEN U.S. FARM LEGISLATION WOULD BE ACTED UPON, CALLED FOR PREPARATION OF DOCUMENTATION BY SECRETARIAT TO BE VETTED BY NEXT AGRICULTURE COMMITTEE MEETING AND AGREED WITH EC COMMISSION REP THAT DATE OF MINISTERIAL MEETING SHOULD NOT BE PREJUDICED - IT MIGHT BE OCTOBER, JANUARY OR LATER. HE SUPPORTED GREEK REP'S SUGGESTION THAT DRAFT ENTRY SIMPLY BE SHELVED.

4. SECRETARIAT (WOOTTON) SAID DOCUMENTATION WOULD BE PREPARED AND THERE WOULD BE CONSULTATION WITH DELEGATIONS ON DATE AFTER AGRICULTURE COMMITTEE MEETING. CHAIR CONFIRMED THESE ARRANGEMENTS AND RULED THAT UNCLASSIFIED

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EXCOMM HAD TAKEN NO ACTION.

5. C(77)48 AND CES/77.22 APO-MAILED TO USDA (WITCHER).

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